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Please insert the following paragraph at page 5, line 6 as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 11 as follows:

~~Figure 5~~Figures 5A-5B ~~depicts~~depict double labeling with antibodies to Mts1 and GFAP (A), and double labeling with antibodies to Mts1 and the microglia/macrophage marker ED1 (B) in the degenerating dorsal funiculus two months after transection of the L4 and L5 dorsal roots. Mts1-IR (A, B, green) is confined to GFAP-positive astrocytes (A, red), but completely absent from ED1-positive cells (B, red). Bar=50µm.